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Lowell Braxton, Administrator
Mineral Resource Development and Reclamation Program
State of Utah
Natural Resources and Energy
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Re: Western States Minerals, Tug Project, Notice
of Intention to Commence Mining Operations
and Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Please find enclosed two copies of Tug Joint Venture Notice
of Intention to Commence Mining Operations and Mining and
Reclamation Plan for the Tug Mine, located near Montello, Nevada,
in Box Elder County, Utah.

Within the next several weeks WSMC will be filing an
application with the Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

After your initial review of our application, we would be
happy to meet with your review team to discuss any questions
which they might have.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

WESTERN STATES MINERALS CORPORATION



Allen S. Gordon
Manager of Engineering

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